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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the attached references to the attention of the Examiner. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed.
3. No fee is believed due at this time. However, in the event that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to the Deposit Account 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is included for such purpose.

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